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Quick Facts

- The fashion runway show, called a Salute to Couture, is designed to highlight the military's choice of colors and patterns, adding in dimensions of flare and pizzazz, coupled with edgy accessories.
- From Army fatigues to Navy blues, the designers have put a haute spin on how to make anytime the right time to pay homage to the proud men and women in uniform.



ROCK HILL, S.C. – Nearly 60 Winthrop University students will model military-inspired attire with a twist during a March 7 fashion runway show to honor the courageous members of the **United States Armed Forces**.

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the right time to pay homage to the proud men and women in uniform.

Winthrop President Jayne Marie (Jamie) Comstock has been vocal about her personal commitment--and Winthrop's institutional responsibility--to ensure veterans feel welcome and supported on campus. She has even used her blog, *Advancing the Higher Education Agenda*, to raise awareness about the sacrifices soldiers have made for their country at home and abroad. Her leadership has inspired student event planners to undertake the project with confidence the fashion show can make a difference and will be supported by the campus community.

Organized by M.F.A. sculpture candidate **Rita Fair**, the event is a way for her to blend her love of fashion and respect for the military. "I wanted to pick a cause and this felt right," she said, adding that she has several family members who serve and have served in the armed forces. Also helping on the project is senior B.F.A. jewelry major **Christopher Smalls**.

Here is a rundown of the activities:

- The **March 7 fashion show** will be held from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at **McBryde Hall**. Students tried out for modeling jobs this fall, as students, faculty, and alumni designers crafted edgy attire. Among those involved are members of the **Guild of Emerging Metalsmiths** and **Student Veterans of Winthrop**. Associate Professor Sandra Neels helped with choreography. There also will be a silent auction of art and other donated items in the adjoining **Tuttle Dining Room**.

- The **March 8 Salute to Couture Run**, hosted by **Winthrop Student Veteran's Association**, will begin at 9 a.m. at the **Winthrop Lake**.

Tickets can be bought online at salutetocouture.com or at the door. Prices are \$5 student/military ID and \$10 for general admission for the fashion show and \$15 for the run. There is also \$100 VIP passes available which entitles the ticket bearer to a limited edition print.

Proceeds will benefit the [Wounded Warrior Project](#).

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